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Committee Plans Fall Convention

The large Marine room of the Hotel Wilton, Long Beach, will be the scene of all CSNA activities at the seventh semi-annual convention Nov. 10-12. Located on the second floor, it will house bourse, displays, banquet, luncheon, forum, and registration. It is a nice room, has plenty of light, and even has its own bar off to one side. Members of the convention committee, meeting in the hotel June 24, made this and other decisions.

Committee members present were S. J. Kabealo, C. L. Emmons, C. L. Ruby, J. G. Steele, K. M. Brainard, K. W. Lee, E. O. Hess, George Bennett, R. W. Brown, L. C. Panosh, and Mr. Boggs.

Award ribbons will be presented for first, second, and third places in three classes, U. S., foreign, and ancient. Exhibits will be judged by registered members, who will vote by secret ballot for win, place, and show in each division. This action is in response to criticism of past judging by committee and of lumping all exhibits together for awards. Admittedly an innovation, it is the hope of the committee that the new method will encourage exhibits by members. Ribbons will be awarded at the Sunday luncheon.

Exhibits will be limited to three cases per exhibit. Dealers will be charged a bourse fee of $10 for a table with two cases. Members and dealers will be circularized and asked to make space reservations at an early date.

The registration fee was set tentatively at $6, a lower amount than was charged at any of the six previous state conventions.

Auctions will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Nov. 11 and 12, by Sam J. Kabealo. Members are asked to consign coins to Kabealo for the auction. This is a good opportunity for them to dispose of duplicate and surplus coins. Good prices have been realized at past convention auctions. Good material is requested; junk coins are not desired. Sam J. Kabealo, 15 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena, Calif., should be contacted at the earliest possible date relative to coins being included in the auction. Adequate time must be allowed for the auctioneer to catalog and advertise the sale.

The tentative program was planned as follows: **Friday, Nov. 10:** registration, 2:30 p.m.; place displays, 3:30 p.m.; numismatic forum, 8 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 11:** registration, 9 a.m.; place displays, 9 a.m.; business session, 10 a.m.; auction, 2 p.m.; banquet 7 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 12:** registration, 9 a.m.; business session, 10 a.m.; luncheon, 12 noon; auction, 2 p.m.; close of convention, 5 p.m.

The following committee chairmen were named: publicity, Jack Ogilvie; bourse, Kenneth Lee; members' displays, Calvert Emmons and Elmer Hess; forum, Charles Ruby and Sam Kabealo; reception, Joe Steele; ladies committee, Mesdames Case, Hess, Brown, Davidson, Brainard, and Panosh; door prizes and drawings, Karl Brainard.

Ways and means, Stewart Bingham; badges and ribbons, Calvert Emmons and Sam Kabealo; local boosters committee, Riley W. Brown; program, Charles Kiser and Sam Kabealo; queen, Karl Brainard; registration, Lew Panosh and J. R. Stewart; and special ways and means, George Bennett and Lew Panosh. Chairmen will name their own assistants.

The ladies committee will take care of visiting ladies; will provide for them a room of their own where they may rest and visit; and will see that they are properly entertained.

Entertainment will be provided at the banquet and the luncheon. No outside entertainment was planned at this meeting. The forum Friday night, Nov. 10, will be numismatic.

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CSNA Officers Meet in Pasadena

Plans for the fall convention of the CSNA were discussed at a meeting of the board of directors in the Hotel Green, Pasadena, May 20. Two sessions were held, one at 4 p.m., and the other at 8:15 p.m.

Ralph Mitchell, president; Charley Kiser, vice-president; Lew Panosh, secretary; C. L. Emmons, director; and Kenneth Lee, Sam Kabealo, Karl Brainard, and Jack Ogilvie, members, were present at the afternoon session and were joined by Stewart Bingham, librarian, for the evening meeting.

The offer of the Orange County Coin club to be host was accepted, and Sam Kabealo and Dr. C. Glenn Curtis were named co-chairmen. President Mitchell expressed the opinion that as it will be a state convention, the host club should in no way be responsible for financing it. His opinion was concurred in by those present, with the additional opinion expressed by some that a host club thus acting could, if it wished, furnish additional entertainment above that provided for in the committee budget.

The Hotel Wilton was selected as convention headquarters. A discussion of awards resulted in the following ribbons being approved for future conventions:

1. First, second, and third place awards for displays in three classes: ancient, foreign, and U.S.
2. A display ribbon for every member making an exhibit.
3. A special ribbon for any display of an unusual nature.
4. A ribbon for every dealer taking a bourse table.
5. The usual ribbons for members registering, visitors registering, and special ribbons for officers and members of the board.

Dealers will be ineligible for exhibit awards.

Members will be limited to three display cases and dealers to two cases per table. Dealers will pay $10 per table.

The number of conventions per year was discussed, but no decision was reached. The 1950 fall and 1951 spring conventions will be held.

It was agreed that a numismatic program is a desirable convention feature and will be continued.

It was decided that more display cases will be made, and that eventually some can be kept in the northern and some in the southern parts of the state to avoid transportation costs and charges.

Calcoin News, the state coin publication, was discussed from standpoints of contents and general makeup, number of issues per year, advertising, and finance. It was pointed out by Secretary Panosh that revenue from dues plus anticipated revenue from conventions would be insufficient to pay for printing the planned six issues a year. He presented the following possibilities:

1. Reduce size of bulletin.
2. Reduce number of issues.
3. Solicit and accept advertising.
4. Plan conventions as revenue-producing affairs instead of on a "break even" basis.
5. Donations.
6. Increase circulation.
7. Increase dues.
8. "Sell" the convention auctions.

It was decided to continue the publication for this year as it is now being issued. A majority did not favor advertising or reduction in size of the bulletin. It was decided to consider further means for providing additional revenue.

The matter of a state seal was brought up and several sketches submitted by members were shown. Vice-president Kiser was instructed to work on an idea for a seal.

No decision was reached on a joint local-state membership plan. Kiser was named chairman of a committee to study the subject of increasing membership. A suggestion that each local club have a "CSNA Night" met with favor.

Convention Hotel

The Hotel Wilton is located in downtown Long Beach, adjacent to the pike, the famous rainbow pier, and the municipal auditorium. It is located conveniently with respect to shopping centers. There are some rooms at the hotel, twin, for $6 and many others for $7. Plan to make your reservations early.

Who's Who in State Numismatics
LEONEL C. PANOSH

Leonel Charles Panosh, San Diego, began collecting coins in 1930 when his father, then desk sergeant of police at Calexico, Calif., gave him a chamois skin bag filled with miscellaneous coins of the world.

Panosh served his "internship" collecting stamps. "Fortunately long before Franklin D. Roosevelt got into power," he says. His father's gift 20 years ago shifted his interest from stamps to coins, and the one-time philatelist is now a leading numismatist of his state and nation.

Today Panosh is secretary-treasurer of the California State Numismatic association and second vice-president of the American Numismatic association. He is a life member of the ANA and a charter member of the CSNA. He is a member of eight other coin organizations: San Diego Numismatic society, Orange County Coin club, Pacific Coast Numismatic society, East Bay Coin club, Bay Cities Coin club, Southeastern Numismatic association, Society of Medalists, and Numismatic Society of South Australia. He has held his present office in the CSNA since Feb. 22, 1947, when the organization was formed. He was president of the San Diego Numismatic society 1948-1949.

"I have no collecting specialty," Panosh declares. "I am interested at present particularly in coins of the grand masters of Rhodes and Malta and in the coins of Siam. I have a small collection of medals, including a nearly complete set of the issues of the Society of Medalists. I am interested more in some coin series than in others, but am not particularly desirous of collecting complete sets, although I do have many small sets. I have types of all U. S. coins, and a collection of dollar-size coins of the world, but have no great rarities.

"I have a pretty good general library covering practically every phase of numismatics."

Panosh was born April 1, 1894, at Kellnersville, Wis., "a crossroads village about 16 miles west of Manitowoc," where his father operated a flour mill. He spent his early life in the Wisconsin towns of Kellnersville, Kewaunee, Antigo, Reedsville, and Deerbrook, communities in which his father followed his trade of flour miller. His mother died in Antigo in 1908.

After moving to Chicago, Ill., in 1909, he attended Joseph Medill high school from which he was graduated in 1912. During the summers and in 1913 he worked at the J. L. Metz Furniture Manufacturing Co., where his father was superintendent. From 1913-1915 he was employed by the Western Electric Co.

While attending high school in Wisconsin and later in Illinois, Panosh was an all-around athlete, participating in baseball, basketball, football, track, and gymnastics. His favorite sport is baseball.

During World War I he served with Co. E, 132nd Infantry, 33rd Division. He was wounded in action Oct. 9, 1918, and spent the next three years in various hospitals.

RECEIVES COMMERCE DEGREE

He resumed studies at Northwestern university and was graduated with a degree in commerce in 1923. After graduation he returned to the veterans hospital in Chicago where he remained until 1926.

Sunny California beckoned in 1926, and Panosh decided to settle in San Diego. This he did, but his residence for the next two years was in the Navy hospital located there. Finally, in 1928, he was discharged, "not cured, just tired of hospitals; so tired I haven't been back even when I should have gone."

When he left the hospital, he became associated with Arrow Transfer, a trucking company, and is now office manager. Since he started with the company, it has grown from a small outfit to one with 45 units.

Miss Anna Merle Dillon of Denver, Colo., became Mrs. L. C. Panosh in 1932. Mrs. Panosh was born in Kansas and was graduated from Denver university. Before her marriage, she taught Spanish language courses at East High in Denver. She now teaches Spanish at San Diego State college. Also a collector, Mrs. Panosh is interested in foreign decorations, particularly of Spain, Mexico, and South America.

Panosh's father died in 1937. He has two brothers, one a rancher in the Imperial Valley and the other an engineer with Western Electric in New Jersey.

PAST VFW COMMANDER

Panosh is past post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the 33rd Division War Veterans association and of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

He is secretary of the S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 F. & A. M., is a past master of Chapter Rose Croix, Scottish Rite, and holds the 32nd Degree K.C.C.H. He has been a member of the Southern California Auto club for 21 years.

His writings include "Coins of the Grand Masters, Order of Rhodes and Malta" for this magazine, and "Coin Collecting as a Hobby" for a fraternal magazine.

To the editor, the life of Leonel C. Panosh is proof that the busy man is the one who finds time to take a leading part in activities and who contributes most to the society in which he moves.

Which Dress?

Body and headline type faces, different from those used in Issues Nos. 2 and 3 of **Calcoin News,** appear this time. The editor is experimenting with various types before adopting a permanent dress for the publication. Readers' likes will be adopted. In Nos. 2 and 3, the headline type is Vogue and body type is Bodoni. In No. 4, headline types used are Bodoni and body type is Regal. Some Bodoni heads are regular (as in "Who's Who") and others are condensed (as in "California Club News"). What body type do you prefer? What headline type? **Write to the editor or to the secretary.**

Ward on Roman

An article on Roman Republican and Imperial Coins by Thomas W. Ward, "Hermit of Skunk Hollow," will appear in the next issue of **Calcoin News.** Ward, who is editor of the San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin, is an authority in his field, and exhibits from his collection placed first at the San Jose and second at the Oakland conventions.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

407	BOLLINGER, Dempster L.	722A Fifth Ave., Oakland 6, Calif.
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California Club News, Views, and Whos

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB. — Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea, addressed the 74th meeting of the elub June 14 on his experienees in Eeuador where he was direetor of the Health and Sanitation Division, Institute of Inter-Ameriean Affairs, for the past two years. Dr. Curtis, a member of the Orange County Coin elub, returned reeently from Eeuador. The aeeount of his experiences was accompanied by eolored slides of the eountry and of the natives, ineluding several pictures of the earthquake area. The speaker also showed slides whieh he had made of eoins of Eeuador, together with the eoins themselves. He was introdueed by Pres. Karl Brainard.

Guests ineluded Leonel C. Panosh, second viee-president of the ANA, and Mrs. Panosh, Eugene Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Kniekerbocker from the San Diego elub; James Kelly, Dayton, Ohio; George Bennett, president, and M. E. Boggs, seeretary, Los Angeles Coin elub; Jaek Ogilvie, ANA historian; and Loyd C. Gettys, past president of the ANA. Gettys spoke on the interesting and educational features of eolleeting paper money, and exhibited some beautiful uneireulated specimens of early United States eurreney.

The June meeting was held at Harvelle's restaurant at 8 p.m.

A short auetion was held before the meeting was adjourned.

—Harry S. Davidson.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB, Oakland. —The 28th regular meeting of the club was ealled to order at 8 o'elock June 9 by Pres. Robert G. MeArthur.

Alexander W. Ritehie eontinued the edueational program with a talk on fraetional eurreney and Earl A. Parker spoke on Hawaiian eoinage. Roy Hill deseribed plaees visited on his reeent trip, whieh included visits to eoin club meetings in the East.

Bill Connell was appointed a eommittee of one to obtain a eut of appropriate size for **Calcoin News**, to be used with club reports.

Mrs. Sidney Haas and Mrs. V. L. Arrington were reported in the Permanente hospital, and an expression of sympathy was extended by the club.

Clifford Bloom, PCNS president, extended an invitation to the 35th annual dinner of that assoeiation.

Exhibits: Earl Parker, Canadian dollars of 1950, erowns, and Clark Gruber $20 gold of 1861; Frank Galvin, Augustus Humbert $50 pioneer gold slug; half eagle of Norris, Grieg & Norris, 1849 (presumed to be the first eoin struck in California); Clifford Bloom, Japanese 20 yen in gold; Chuek Peters, quarter eagles, gold dollars, 1861C eagle and English gold coins; Roy Hill, eoins of the West and East zones of Germany, Chase National Bank bulletin showing women's hair-dos on eoins, phony dollar bill the size of a bedsheet, and various eoin magazines and books; Walt Ritehie, Chinese eoin rubbings in 12 volumes of Chinese books; and Sid Haas, the Member's medal of the ANA struck in bronze.

Thirty-nine members and 11 visitors were present. Refreshments were served.

Abe Kosoff, Beverly Hills, addressed the May 12 meeting on U. S. patterns. His interesting and educational talk was aeeompanied by slides. This was one of the most interesting and instruetive programs ever to be presented to the East Bay Coin elub.

Elwood Ellinger reported on advertising in the **Circulated Proof,** and Walt Ritchie made a final report on National Coin Week. Guests were introdueed.

Exhibits: Paul Evens, niekels; William Poizner, proof Liberty niekel set, English medals, and tribute penny; Cliff Bloom, 1872 trade dollar and Freneh gold; Earl Parker, Czeeh coins, niekel sets, large eents; Abe Kosoff, gold coins from the Adolph Menjou eolleetion; Frank Galvin, miseellaneous eoins.

Fifty-one members and 10 guests were present. Refreshments were served.

—J. H. Rogers.

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HANFORD COIN CLUB.—During the June 6 meeting of the club at 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford, the set of ANA slides showing U.S. type eoins from 25 cent to dollar pieees,

was projected and discussed.

Attendance prize was won by Laurence Buckner. Fourteen members were present.

Edward Fish gave an interesting account of the CSNA convention in Oakland which he attended, at the May 2 meeting.

Fourteen members and one guest were present.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served by Gene and Ed Edwards.

The April 4 meeting was attended by 14 members and two guests.

Al Prinz displayed coins of the world, arranged in a novel manner. Maps of the countries of the world were mounted on heavy cardboard and framed. Holes were cut in the cardboard near each country represented and lines drawn from the country to the coin.

E. D. Edwards exhibited coins of Canada and talked briefly concerning them.

Plans were completed for the club to display coins during National Coin Week, with 14 members participating.

Officers are Forest Speck, president; Clarence Berry, vice-president; Fred E. Tinkham, secretary-treasurer; and Edward Fish, auctioneer.

The July meeting will be held at Peden's cafe in Hanford, with our ladies as guests.

—Fred E. Tinkham.

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LONG BEACH COIN CLUB.—The Long Beach Coin club was organized at a meeting held in the Wilton hotel, Long Beach, June 24.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Kabealo, who, with Charles Kiser, as representatives of the CSNA, had encouraged and assisted with preliminary arrangements at several previous meetings.

Present were L. C. Panosh, second vice-president, and Charles L. Ruby, board of governors, representing the ANA; and Dr. C. L. Emmons, Charles Kiser, Sam Kabealo, Joe Steele, Karl Brainard, and George Bennett, representing the CSNA. These men also represented the San Diego Numismatic society, Orange County Coin club, Los Angeles Coin club, and Bay Cities Coin club in welcoming this addition to California coin clubs. Approximately 20 collectors from Long Beach and vicinity were in attendance.

The meeting was turned over to a temporary chairman, who called for the report of the by-laws committee. Alfred F. Wilkinson presented a set of by-laws which was adopted as read. The nomination for officers was called for and the following were nominated and elected by acclamation:

Riley W. Brown, president; Alfred F. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer; and John C. Yribarne, CSNA and ANA representative, 3611 Cerritos, Long Beach 7, Calif.

President Brown directed those who wished to sign as charter members to do so. A motion was made and carried that the new club apply for membership in CSNA and ANA.

Visiting dignitaries and guests were introduced by President Brown. All of them made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. Charles L. Ruby addressed the assemblage at length on the subject of the ANA.

A committee was appointed to look for a permanent meeting place and to select a regular meeting date which would not conflict with meetings of other clubs in the area.

—L. C. Panosh.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB.—Dr. Charles Harbeck gave a very interesting talk on some of his experiences in the Mother Lode country and on gold mining in general at the June 2 meeting of the club. He demonstrated the process of amalgamation, and gave everyone present a sample of gold ore.

Two new members, Messrs. Cooper and Snyder, were welcomed into the club.

Door prizes consisted of an octagonal Norse medal, a 1950 Canadian dollar, and a crisp large-size U. S. dollar bill.

An auction, consisting of 50 lots, was held.

The May 5 meeting was the first in years at which we did not have a speaker.

Instead, members brought coins, which were sold at fixed prices. The usual auction was conducted by Dr. Charles Harbeck, and consisted of over 40 lots donated by Harbeck for the club's benefit. The offerings were widely varied and bidding was spirited.

Door prizes, won on tickets sold, were two quarters—a "Barber" and

a "Seated Liberty," both uncirculated, and an uncirculated "Barber" dime.

W. D. Koonce exhibited an interesting and large selection of numismatic books, military insignia, decorations, and coins of Australia and Hesse. The chief attraction was his obverse and reverse dies of an Elizabeth shilling.

—George Bennett.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.—Mrs. John Chuml, Tustin teacher, gave an interesting talk on Czechoslovakia before and after communism was the ruling factor there at the May 24 meeting. Mrs. Chuml said that America is put in a bad light in Czechoslovakia by false radio propaganda. The speaker was presented by Mary Coffman, Margaret Grant, and Maurie Hamil.

Sam Kabealo exhibited Czechoslovakian coins which are currently in use in that country.

Charles Ruby, a member of the ANA board of governors, reported on his trip to the ANA meeting in the Midwest.

An auction and raffle followed.

Five new members united with the club at this meeting, which was attended by 94 persons. The meeting was held in the Woman's club house, Brea, at 7:30 p.m.

T. H. Glenn, world traveler, showed moving pictures taken in Ireland, England, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries at the April 26 meeting of the club.

Bob Effker displayed money of those countries and pictures of their flags.

Three new members were added to the club. Eighty-four were present.

Coffee and doughnuts were served. At auction, 90 lots were sold. The auction was interrupted for a raffle which resulted in three prizes being awarded. The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

—Calvert L. Emmons.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, San Francisco.—The 411th meeting of the PCNS was held May 31, with 25 members and guests present.

ANA slides of regular issue type coins were shown. Pres. Clifford Bloom was narrator. Robert Illing, president of the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, operated the projector.

Earl Parker exhibited a complete proof set of shield-type nickels; William G. Wilson, a 1922 Peace dollar with a label covering the reverse on which were the words, "National Guard Dollar — Don't Bank Me"; Clifford Bloom, a gold coin of Louis XVI which Clifford says is the one that caused the capture of the king just before he was beheaded, when he left it at a tavern to pay his bill and was recognized by his portrait on the coin; Roy Hill, copies of the **Numismatist** of 1895, 1908, and 1909, the new book, **A Pioneer Denver Mint, Clark Gruber & Co.**, by Nolie Mumey, transportation tokens of New York, coins of Israel and of the East and West zones of Germany, and the Numismatic Gallery's Adolph Menjou auction catalog; Mrs. Harry Cutler, two Russian platinum 3 roubles of 1841 and 1843, a Feuchtwanger pattern cent of 1837, and a proof pattern 20 cent piece of 1875 with 1/5 dollar on reverse.

Paul Snedaker was in charge of the auction; Howard Thomas was auctioneer. He took a regular dollar bill from his wallet and the highest bid received on it was 90 cents.

Roy Hill, having just returned from a trip to New York, told of his many interesting experiences enroute. He visited the Philadelphia and Denver mints. He said any member will be taken through these mints simply by identifying himself. He also attended a meeting of the New York Numismatic society where he enjoyed a reading given by George H. Blake. He talked with Mrs. Farran Zerbe on the phone and she sent her greetings to the West Coast. He said the 1804 dollar, type 2, from the George Singer collection, sold for $3400.

President Bloom announced that the annual banquet would be held in the International Settlement at North Beach. The meeting was concluded with the membership rising for a moment of silence in memory of W. A. Donaldson of Oregon who died recently.

The April 26 meeting, held in the James Waters auditorium at 8 p.m., was attended by 35 members and guests.

The subject for the evening was "Coins of the World for the Past Half-Century." A short film, "The

Gay Nineties Live Again," was instructive of the days when silver dollars and gold coins were in their heyday. It was shown through courtesy of the Standard Oil Company of California.

The treasurer's report showed a continued improvement in the club's finances, with much credit due Lesley Lodge, corresponding secretary, for the fine manner in which he personally got behind the drive to get members' dues paid up to date. Lodge also continued pinch-hitting for Mrs. Anna Wilcox, recording secretary, who is still convalescing from a recent illness.

The last board of governors meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Bette Duncan, who graciously served refreshments afterward.

—Mrs. Harry Cutler.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB. — Donald Smyser, an authority on coins of Biblical times, addressed the 24th meeting of the club June 15, on the "Widow's Mite." The meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, 533 E St.

Fifteen members and four guests were present.

Smyser's talk was most interesting, covering the period 129 B.C. to 68 A.D. He discussed each period and showed by dates how the coins the widow used were coined about 20 A.D.

Fred Draper and Ernest Cowley gave short talks on how they became coin collectors.

Dr. Calvert L. Emmons is in charge of the annual meeting to be held Sept. 22 in Ontario.

The 23rd meeting of the club was held May 18 in the Chamber of Commerce office, San Bernardino. Lloyd Blue Jr. presided.

Fred Smith displayed a collection of all types of gold and Dr. C. L. Emmons exhibited the widow's mite (4 types), a complete $2.50 gold series, complete sets of uncirculated Buffalo and Jefferson nickels, and proof Indian head cents.

Dr. Emmons and Bland Haydon gave short talks on how they became coin collectors.

Door prizes were won by H. Finebar, R. Couley, Bryan Burke, Fred Smith, and Don Smyser. A short auction brought the meeting to a close.

Fourteen members were present.

John Lenker will speak on "Odd and Curious Coins" at the July meeting.

—Bland B. Haydon.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—The 13th anniversary dinner of the San Diego society was held June 10 at the Park Manor hotel, Fifth and Spruce Sts., at 7:30 p.m. L. C. Panosh was in charge of arrangements.

A fried chicken dinner was served to the 38 persons present.

Pres. Wayne L. Higbee made an address of welcome; Col. Stanley Newton spoke on "Why a Vice-President?"; James Crouthamel, treasurer, talked on "How to Say 'No'"; Dr. Bruce L. "Gob" Wallace described "My Trip to Mexico" (in Spanish); Atwood L. MacDonald spoke on "All about the ANA"; and Eugene D. Johnston talked on "All about the CSNA." No speech was more than one minute long.

A numismatic question and answer contest for which goofy prizes were awarded was the feature of the evening. L. C. Panosh was emcee.

Displays were judged by all those present by secret ballot, resulting in first place award going to Irving Knickerbocker for a fine display of Chinese and U. S. coins; second place to Mrs. James Crouthamel, U. S. currency; third award to T. W. Ward, Roman; and fourth to L. C. Panosh for Siamese. Ribbons were awarded.

It was a warm evening and the meeting was held on the roof of the hotel from which a magnificent view of the entire city and bay was enjoyed by all.

The dinner menu was humorously described from the sea food cocktail —"should be shrimp, could be shark" —through the coffee.

Out-of-town visitors included Roy Hill, San Francisco; Sam Kabealo, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brainard and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Case, Santa Monica.

—Eugene D. Johnston.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB. — The first meeting of the San Jose Coin club under its new administration was held June 5 in the Hotel De-Anza. Charles V. Kappen, new president, opened the meeting with a talk

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Commemorative Coins of the World

By JOHN E. OHLS, *San Francisco*

Commemorative Coins of the World is a phase of numismatics which has been sadly neglected by collectors, for the special events these pieces commemorate call for special efforts on the part of the designer in order to portray properly a people's pride and to commemorate justly events so important to them. Consequently these pieces are seldom surpassed in beauty and interest, and the story each has to tell is both historical and intriguing to the layman as well as to the student of history or numismatics.

Let us consider briefly the American series of commemoratives.

The first half dollar, issued in 1892 for the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, was a fitting start for the commemoratives of the United States. A short review of this series gives us a very good cross section of the history of America, its people and the principles that have made us so powerful a nation and example of progress and prosperity to be envied by all other nations of the world.

The second piece was issued for the same event but was dated a year later. The third, also issued in 1893, was a quarter dollar honoring Queen Isabella of Spain, who, it is said, pawned her jewels to finance Columbus. It bears her portrait and is the only coin issued by the United States of America bearing the likeness of a foreign monarch. It was made possible by the efforts of the Board of Lady Governors of the World's Columbian Exposition and was distributed by them.

It also is a fitting and proper monument to the part women have played from the beginning in building this great and beautiful country. It was possibly also a notice that women, having done their part, would not be left out of the glory. So, our God-given helpmeet takes her place beside us in the commemorative coins of America.

From this time on numerous pieces have been minted to commemorate the highlights of our history. They follow about on this wise: The Lafayette dollar, to honor General Lafayette, the Frenchman who helped us in our Revolutionary struggle. The gold dollars of 1903 to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase from France. The gold dollars of 1904 and 1905 to commemorate the exploration and mapping of the Louisiana Territory by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Then came the great World's Fair, called the Panama-Pacific Exposition, held in San Francisco in 1915. For this event there were issued two $50 gold pieces, a $2.50 gold piece, a dollar in gold and a half dollar in silver, all to commemorate the exposition as well as the great Panama

Canal and the men who worked on it. Next followed the gold dollar memorial to President McKinley and dated 1916 and 1917.

From this date on we have only one gold commemorative, the quarter eagle issued for the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial in 1926; but a series of half dollars for various occasions have been issued from 1918 on. These commemorate events, beginning with the Illinois Centennial in 1918. They commemorate various statehood centennials, the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims, famous Americans, city centennials, historical documents, and even famous bridges. In the 1930's began a veritable deluge of half dollars issued for special events until now we have over 150 different types or varieties, the last being the Booker T. Washington coin honoring that famous Negro.

There also are three other pieces which in my humble opinion belong

to this commemorative series.

After the First World War, the war that was to end all wars, there began serious agitation for a coin to commemorate the great peace. For awhile a half dollar was under consideration, but for the reason that a silver dollar would be larger, and the event could be portrayed better on the dollar this denomination was finally decided upon.

The object was to produce a coin to circulate generally and thus, perhaps, better serve to remind us of this great peace. However, there was no special legislation passed by the Congress as is necessary for a commemorative coinage, and the Peace dollar finally was issued and placed in circulation in December, 1921.

In 1932 a new type quarter dollar was issued which was intended to be commemorative of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, father of our country and first president. This is a continual reminder of a man who lived, fought and died a champion of American democracy.

The third piece is a humble copper cent and was meant to be commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It is a fitting tribute to a humble birth, a humble life, and a humble but gigantic service to his country. It is a constant reminder that no matter how humble one's start in life, it is no deterrent to ambition and determination in this land of opportunity. Abraham Lincoln gets my vote as America's greatest man.

From here it is but a short step to the commemorative coins of other countries of the world, as many of them tie in directly or indirectly with our own commemoratives. One of these is a 50 centavos of Colombia, 1892, for the discovery of America. Another is the Swedish 2 kroner of 1938 to commemorate the third centennial of Swedish settlement in Delaware. It compares with our own half dollar, the Delaware Tercentenary, dated 1936. But the event was celebrated in 1938 with appropriate festivals in Sweden as well as the United States. Still another is the Philippine commemoratives of 1936 in which our own Franklin D. Roosevelt and Governor General Murphy played an important part in the establishment of the new Commonwealth of the Philippines.

During the year in which I have been interested in commemorative coins, I continually have been turning up new ones as they are not always listed in catalogues as such. In this time I have catalogued about 500 of these from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

Of the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations, there are but a few. Only one of them was issued by Great Britain herself but a few scattered ones have been issued by her dependencies. Some of them are: Australia, Canada, Jersey (a newcomer), South Africa and New Zealand.

The Orient has issued a few, most of these being Chinese; two are from Siam and a few are from Persia and Egypt. I have had to enlist the help of specialists in these series. European countries, most of which have existed many centuries in one form of government or another, have issued quite a number. Some of these are as follows: Austria 19th and 20th centuries, 24; Italy, 12; Switzerland, 28; Scandinavian countries, about 20 in all.

The leader over all is Germany, with something like 300. Besides being the leader in number, German commemorative coins also lead in beauty and workmanship. This I say without fear of contradiction. They were issued to commemorate almost every important event in the everyday life of the German people. In the 19th century and even before, these pieces were issued by the different states, cities, and bishoprics. They commemorate such events as births, weddings, deaths, recovery from illness, constitutions, cathedrals, railroads, wars, peace, and expositions. All are masterpieces of enterprise and workmanship. One was issued to commemorate the successful growth and blossoming of a plant, another for the recovery from smallpox.

I have dealt only with modern commemorative coins, and have made no attempt to go into the ancient or the medieval series, both of which are profuse with commemoratives.

Commemorative coins have become milestones in the history of the world and as time goes on, doubtless many more will be added. I am convinced

that there is not a more interesting or informative history of the struggles of the people of the world, nor a more beautiful means of portraying this history of peoples and their arts and struggles, than these commemorative coins.

Furthermore, a study of these pieces will result in a sympathetic understanding between the peoples of the world and will do more than most any plan yet offered to promote that which we all desire most — a peaceful and happy harmony among us all.

Line-cuts of P.P.I.E. coins of 1915 courtesy STACK'S, New York City.

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complimenting the good work of his predecessor, Rudy Gjurovich, during the past two years. A rising vote of applause was extended Gjurovich by those assembled.

In preparation for the coming year, the following committee appointments were made: publicity, Dirck Arrowsmith; auction, E. A. Parker and Syl C. Tully; membership, George F. Kohl, Joe Pepitone, and Douglas Smith; audit, George F. Hodges, Vincent Guarnera, and Douglas Smith. Program and county fair committees will be named at the July 10 meeting.

Clifford H. Bloom, president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic society, spoke on "Life as Lived in San Francisco in the 1850's and 1860's." He prefaced his talk with remarks on an interesting display of private gold coins. Bloom has made quite a study of early California and San Francisco history, and possesses a fine collection of early gold coins. In his talk, which was enthusiastically received, he related many amusing incidents, customs, and habits of San Franciscans during the early days.

Roy Hill described his recent trip to New York City where he had made several interesting pickups, which he displayed. He described his visits through the Denver mint and the Federal Reserve bank in New York.

E. A. Parker, San Francisco, will address the club July 10 on "Coins and Tokens of Hawaii."

—George F. Hodges.

STATE CLUB MEETING DATES AND PLACES

Bay Cities Coin Club	Second Wednesday at Helen Foster's Restaurant, Second St. and Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 8 p.m.
Capital City Coin Club	Second Friday at William Land School, 11th and U Sts., Sacramento. 7:30 p.m.
Classical Collectors Group	Third Friday at Felipe de Neve Branch Library, 2820 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles.
East Bay Coin Club	Second Friday at Jenny Lind Hall, 2229 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 8 p.m.
Hanford Coin Club	First Tuesday at 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford.
Los Angeles Coin Club	First Friday at 1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles.
Orange County Coin Club	Fourth Wednesday at Woman's Club House, 336 S. Pomona Ave., Brea.
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society	Last Wednesday at James F. Waters Auditorium, 1355 Van Ness at Bush St., San Francisco. 8 p.m.
Pasadena Coin Club	Third Wednesday at Y.M.C.A., Pasadena.
Redwood Empire Coin Club	Fourth Monday at Santa Rosa National Guard Armory. 8 p.m.
San Bernardino County Coin Club	Third Thursday in Chamber of Commerce Office, 533 "E" St., San Bernardino. 7:30 p.m.
San Diego Numismatic Society	First Monday at New Palace Hotel, Fifth and Elm Sts., San Diego.
San Jose Coin Club	First Monday at Hotel DeAnza, 233 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose. 8 p.m.